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  - 1. The Michal brown coal mine is located at the south-southwest edge of Stare Sedlo (N 51/P 58), near Sokolov. It has a single shaft 40 meters deep. Conveyors are used for transporting the coal to the shaft. It is otherwise not mechanized. Transport from the pit-head is by cablecar to Nove Sedlo station.
  - The pit has a daily output of 400 tons, and it fulfilled its five-year plan by 110%.
  - 3. There are about 200 workers below ground, of whom two are women. Neither forced labor nor the shock worker system is used. Average gross monthly wages are between 3,000 and 4,000 Kcs.
  - 4. The mine's manager is Karel Keller, a fanatical Communist. The foreman is Kalivoda (fnu), and the mine engineer, Polskoi (fnu), is a Russian aged about 50.
  - 5. There is no canteen available locally. The workers bring their food with them. Morale is low, but fear of reprisals prevents sabotage.

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Annex A - Sketch of Michal Coal Mine, Stare Sedlo Area

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